Funds allocated and utilised for welfare of youth

1169. SHRI T. R. ZELIANG: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the funds allocated for the welfare of youth in different States of the country during the last three years, State-wise;

(b) whether such allocations have been utilized during this period, State wise; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) No State-wise allocations are made under the youth welfare schemes. However, the details of funds allocated and spent under various schemes of the Ministry in the last three years are given in the encloser Statement. (*See* below)

(c) Funds allocated during the respective years in most of the schemes were utilised almost fully. However, in a few schemes, funds could not be utilised fully owing to non-receipt of viable and complete proposals from the eligible institutions/organizations.

Statement

Statement showing the funds allocated under Revised Estimate (RE) and Expenditure incurred for Welfare of Youth for the last three years.

(Rupees in crores)

S. No.	Name of the Schemes	2003-04		2004-05		2005-06	
		Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure	Allocation	Expenditure
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1.	National Service Volunteers Scheme	4.85	4.85	3.48	3.48	5.90	5.90
2.	Financial Assistance to Youth and Sports Club & Evaluations	2.40	2.37	6.10	5.62	4.65	4.54
3.	National Reconstructions Corps.	0.10	—	1.00	—	—	—
4.	Rashtriya Sadbhavana Yojana	—	—	—	—	4.60	4.60
5.	Scheme for Development and Empowerment of Adolescents	—	—	6.80	6.80	12.20	11.69
6.	Financial assistance for promotion of Youth Activities and Training	8.00	6.88	10.00	9.74	5.75	5.60

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
7.	Rajiv Gandhi National Institute of Youth Development	2.37	2.04	2.65	2.65	4.65	4.65
8.	Youth Hostel	1.00	0.99	3.00	1.88	5.00	4.78
9.	Promotion of National Integration	4.68	4.58	7.67	7.64	5.50	5.22
10.	Promotion of Adventure	2.49	2.41	3.50	3.34	3.20	3.06
11.	Promotion of Scouting & Guiding Activities	1.05	0.93	1.35	1.00	1.35	1.35
12.	Nehru Yuva Kendra Sangthan	47.80	47.51	48.29	47.51	55.89	55.19
13.	National Service Scheme	25.53	23.87	35.89	36.55	33.90	39.41

Improving the standards of sports

1170. SHRI SANJAY RAUT: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is constant decline in the standard of sports in the country;

(b) if so, the reasons therefore;

(c) whether Union Government are formulating any new sports policy for improving the standard of our country's sports facilities at various level; and

(d) if so, by when it would be incorporated?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) No, Sir. While it is a fact that there is considerable room for improvement in the standards of sports in the country, the performance of Indian sportspersons since the Commonwealth Games, 2002 indicates that the standard of sports & Games has improved in the last few years due to the combined efforts made by National Sports Federations, State Governments, the Sports Authority of India and the Government of India. India won a record haul of 69 medals (as against 25 in the last games) in the 2002 Commonwealth Games and secured fourth position. The tempo was sustained in the Bussan Asian Games in which India secured 36 medals. In the Melbourne Commonwealth Games 2006,